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April 29, 2021

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations 2413 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1026 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting fiscal year 2022 community project funding for the Gallows Bay Marine Enforcement Pier project on St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The public entity to receive funding for this project is the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), which is located at 4607 Tutu Park Mall, Charles W. Turnbull Regional Library, St. Thomas, VI 00802. The anticipated location of the project is Parcel No. 1&2, East Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI 00820. This project is estimated to cost \$1 million.

The requested funding would be used by DPNR to reconstruct a dock at Gallows Bay on St. Croix for marine enforcement vessels on the island. A dock once existed for the enforcement vessels; however, it was destroyed in 1995 following the passage of Hurricane Marilyn and was never reconstructed. This project is a sound use of taxpayer funding because it is essential that marine enforcement is established in the Virgin Islands, and this dock for marine enforcement vessels would support local marine enforcement and adequate regulation of vessels coming into the territory.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Stacey E. Plaskett